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Applicants: Chester Li, et al. Examiner: R. Shukla
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Sir:

Request For Three Month Extension Of Time

On February 3, 2003, Examiner Shukla issued an Office Action in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was due on May 3, 2003. Applicants hereby request a three month extension of time, from May 3, 2003 to August 3, 2003. Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 07-1074 in the amount of the fee for a three month extension of time. With the extension of time a response is due on August 3, 2003. Therefore this application is pending as of today and thus is co-pending with the continuation application that applicants are filing today.

REMARKS

Examiner Shukla issued an Office Action on February 3, 2003. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's position and will be pursuing prosecution of their invention via a continuation application, filed today, that claims benefit of and is co-pending with the subject application.

No fee, other than the fee for a three month extension of time, is required in connection with this paper. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of the additional fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1074.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Cobert", is written over a horizontal line.

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